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FOLLOWING REPEAT BERN 00654 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO PARIS
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QUOTE S E C R E T BERN 654

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TAGS: ESTC, EEWT, SZ
SUBJ: SALE OF SWISS CINETHEODOLITES TO CHINGA - IL 1502

REF: BERN 214, 103, 77 STATE 309912

1. AT MEETING WITH POL/ECOUNS FEB 8, MAX KRELL
READ PORTIONS LETTER FROM CONTRAVES WRITTEN IN
RESPONSE DIV OF COMMERCE EFFORTS OBTAIN INFO WHETHER
CONTRAVES PLANNING SALE CINETHEODOLITES TO PRC.

2. ESSENTIAL POINTS CONTRAVES LETTER ARE:

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A) NO SALES PLANNED TO PRC.

B) CONTRAVES IS WORKING ON FOUR RPT FOUR
CINETHEODOLITES FOR YUGOSLAVIA. THIS IS ONLY ORDER THEY
HAVE AT PRESENT.

C) LETTER STATES CONTRAVES HAS RECEIVED
YUGOSLAV QUARANTEES EQUIPMENT WILL REMAIN IN
YUGOSLAVIA, WILL BE USED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

D) LETTER GOES TO GREAT LENGTHS IN ATTEMPT
DEMONSTRATE TO DIV OF COMMERCE THAT K-400 TYPE CINE-
THEODOLITE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED STRATEGIC MATERIAL.
HOWEVER, ARGUMENTS FOR THIS POSITION NOT RELATED USE
AS DESCRIBED STATE 309912 AND AS DESCRIBED TO KRELL.
FOR EXAMPLE, CONTRAVES LETTER STATES THAT INSTRUMENT
CAN ONLY BE USED FOR RESEARCH AND MUST BE SOLIDLY
MOUNTED ON EARTH'S SURFACE BECAUSE INSTRUMENT VERY
SENSITIVE TO SHOCK, HIGH TEMPERATURES, SOUND WAVES.

3. EMBASSY HAS NO BASIS FOR QUESTIONING CONTRAVES
ASSERTION CINETHEODOLOITES WILL BE SENT YUGOSLAVIA OR
THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED ASSURANCES ON RE-EXPORT.
HOWEVER, CONTRAVES HAS NO EFFECTIVE CONTROL ONCE SHIPPED,
PRESUMABLY HAS NO MEANS VERIFICATION AND, AS FAR AS
KRELL KNOWS, HAS NO ASSURANCES AS TO PRECISELY WHERE
EQUIPMENT WILL BE INSTALLED. EMBASSY ALSO NOTES TITO
VISIT PRC LATE LAST YEAR, FORTHCOMING VISIT WASHINGTON.
AS QUESTION OF EXTENT TO WHICH YUGO INTERESTS MIGHT
BE SERVED BY DIVERSION THIS EQUIPMENT TO PRC
CLEARLY NOT ONE WE CAN ANSWER FROM HERE, WE HAD NO
BASIS FOR RAISING IT WITH KRELL IN THIS CONVERSATION.

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4. IF DEPT WISHES EMBASSY WILL PURSUE MATTER FURTHER
WITH SWISS. WE COULD ASK CONTRAVES THROUGH DIV
OF COMMERCE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL ASSURANCES FROM
YUGO IF, IN DEPTS JUDGMENT, DIVERSION IS
LIKELY.
WARNER UNQUOTE VANCE

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